

City of Gaithersburg's Department of Parks, Recreation, & Culture Summer Camp Programs Newsletter



DATES FOR ALL CAMPS (except Kinderplay & Xceler8):

Session 1: Wednesday*, June 17 – Friday, June 26

(*Please note: camp starts Wednesday)

Session 2: Monday, June 29 – Friday, July 10

Session 3: Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 24

Session 4: Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31

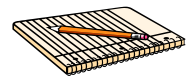
INFORMATION REGARDING THE SPECIFIC LOCATION, ADDRESS, & HOURS OF OPERATION FOR EACH CAMP SITE CAN BE FOUND ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. NO CAMP will be held on **Friday, July 3rd**. On July 4th, all campers and their families are invited to attend the City's 4th of July CELEBRATION at Montgomery County Fairgrounds from 6:00 p.m. to dark. The activities include a concert followed by a fireworks display.

CHECK IN/OUT: All children must check in and out of camp each day. Parents must accompany children to the sign-in desk to drop-off and pick-up their children. Campers must stay for the entire program unless they have a note from parents that excuses them early. Children will only be permitted to walk home when a parent has indicated so on the consent form, or if the parent sends a written note with the child. If someone other than those listed on the consent form will be picking up your child, please send a note giving permission. We also ask that parents pick up children **by the specified end time of the program**. A charge for late pick-ups will be assessed in the amount of \$3 per 10 minutes per child. This late charge is payable, IN CASH, to the Team Leader at the time you arrive late. We hope that this charge will not be necessary and that all children will be picked up on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

*All of the enclosed camp forms are also available online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/camps under **Related Documents**. Forms must be submitted on the first day of the program.*

CAMP CONSENT FORM: This form is required for your child to attend camp and **MUST** be filled out and turned-in **on the first day** your child attends camp.

COMMUNITY CAMPS CHARACTER AGREEMENT: This agreement explains to parents and children the department's guidelines on behavior and responsibility. Please take the time to help your child read and understand the agreement. The agreement should be signed and turned-in **on the first day** your child attends camp.



MEDICATION FORM: If your child must take medication during the camp day, please fill out the enclosed medication form and return it **on the first day your child attends camp**. We **MUST** have this form signed by a doctor before we can hold any medication for your child, including any prescription or over-the-counter medicines. All medications must be in the original container with instructions for use and/or in a container labeled by the prescriber/pharmacist. Even if you do not need this form at this time, please keep it in the event the need arises during this camp session. Reminder: NO REFRIGERATION IS AVAILABLE ON SITE.

UNITS: Campers are assigned to a unit based on their age, total number of campers and staff to camper ratios which are mandated by the state. Unit assignments will be announced the first day of camp.

CAMP ATTIRE: Throughout the summer, campers will be involved in activities that will be held outside. We suggest that they dress comfortably - shorts and a T-shirt are recommended. We also advise that campers wear a hat. All campers must wear sneakers or athletic footwear. **No** sandals or flip-flops will be allowed except at the pool. Parents are reminded to mark clothing, belongings, etc. with their camper's name. We must insist that personal items such as iPods, MP3 players, cell phones or electronic games not be brought to camp. The City of Gaithersburg will not be held responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged items.

LUNCHES & SNACKS: Campers should bring a lunch and drink daily. Camp sites do not have microwaves or refrigeration, so please pack lunches and snacks accordingly. At Camp Rainbow, Discovery, Endeavor, Xplore and Lakelands YAPs, Montgomery County Food Service Department will provide breakfast and lunch daily if campers choose to have pre-prepared meals. Campers are also encouraged to bring separate snacks and drinks for the morning and afternoon.

SWIM SCHEDULE: Camps that are not held at Bohrer Park will be bused to the Water Park for swim time. Buses will depart sites at **8:45 a.m. for the pool**. If you arrive later than 8:45 a.m. on a swim day, please meet us at the Water Park, 512 S. Frederick Ave. You must check in at the front gate of the pool. Swim schedules will be distributed on the first day of camp. All campers should bring a bathing suit and towel every swim day. Children may wear their swimsuit under their clothes on these days (don't forget to pack underwear.) We require that you mark all swimsuits, underwear and towels clearly with campers' names and their camp site. Please indicate your child's swimming ability on the consent form.



Once again, Boardwalk Fries has been contracted to provide food services at the Water Park. Campers may bring extra money to purchase snacks at the pool. Campers are responsible for holding onto and keeping track of their own money. A menu and price list for Boardwalk Fries will be available the first week of camp. Please be aware that Boardwalk Fries uses peanut oil to fry all foods. If your child has peanut allergies, please inform the staff of any precautions that should be taken to ensure your child's safety.

SUNSCREEN: Sunscreen is highly recommended. However, City Staff are not allowed to apply SPF lotion to campers unless it is **spray sunscreen**.

CODE RED: In the event of a code red day, camps will reduce the time campers spend outside as well as ensure that campers are well-hydrated. Please be advised that the sites' gymnasiums **Do Not Have Air Conditioning.**

LOST & FOUND: Please check lost and found at camp sites every day. Pool lost and found will only be held for one week at the pool.

FIELD TRIPS: Expenses for all regular field trips have been included in the basic camp fee. No refunds will be given to campers either for absence or non-participation.

CAMP T-SHIRTS: All campers will be given one special camp T-shirt during the first week they attend camp. We would like all campers to wear this shirt for every field trip. Camp shirts do not need to be worn on swim days.

CAMPER HEALTH:

A child will NOT be permitted to attend camps with the following conditions:

- Fever of 100 degrees or above.
- Vomiting.
- Yellow or green nasal discharge.
- Any contagious disease (such as chickenpox, ringworm, scabies/lice, conjunctivitis, impetigo). We follow the state and county guidelines for exclusion for all communicable diseases.
- Unexplained rash.
- Any symptoms requiring one-on-one care or causing severe discomfort without the use of medications.

TOILETING REGULATIONS: Please be aware that if your child has 3 toileting accidents during the summer program, he/she may be removed from camp. Please alert the Team Leader if your child has any condition that might hinder him/her from abiding by this guideline.



Please remember to return the signed Character Agreement, Consent Form and Medication Form (if necessary) to the Camp Site Leader on the first day your child attends camp.

If you have any questions concerning the Summer Camp Program, **please contact a member of the Summer Camp Team at (301) 258-6350.** You may also speak with the Team Leaders directly at the camp site.

2015 Camp Site Locations

Ages: 5-6

Dates: Wed., June 17-Fri, July 24 (3 sessions)

Hours: 9am - 1pm

KinderPlay

Location: Rachel Carson ES
100 Tschiffely Square Rd.

Ages: 6-10

Dates: Wed., June 17-Fri, July 31 (4 sessions)

Hours: 7:30am - 4pm

Extended Care: 4pm - 6pm (available for additional fee)

Camp Discovery

Location: Forest Oak MS
651 Saybrooke Oaks Blvd.

Camp Imagination

Location: Rachel Carson ES
100 Tschiffely Square Rd.

Camp Quest

Location: Diamond ES
4 Marquis Dr.

Camp Rainbow

Location: Activity Center at Bohrer Park
506 S Frederick Ave.

Ages: 6-11

Dates: Wed., June 17-Fri, July 31 (4 sessions)

Hours: 8:30am - 1:30pm

Youth Activity Program

Location: Lakelands Park MS
1200 Main St.

Ages: 11-13

Dates: Wed., June 17-Fri, July 31 (4 sessions)

Hours: 7:30am - 6pm

Extended Care: 4pm - 6pm (available for additional fee)

Camp Endeavor

Location: Activity Center at Bohrer Park
506 S Frederick Ave.

Camp X-Plore

Location: Lakelands Park MS
1200 Main St.

*****PLEASE NOTE: Campers registered for Extended Care at Camp Xplore will be transported at 3:45 pm from Lakelands Park MS to Robertson Park Youth Center for the remainder of the day. Parents must pick up their children by 6pm at the Robertson Park Youth Center, located at 801 Rabbitt Rd.**

Ages: 11-14

Dates: Wed., June 17-Fri, August 7 (5 sessions)

Camp Xceler8

Location: Robertson Park Youth Center
801 Rabbitt Rd.